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SUBJ: BUNKER FUEL

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1. LOCAL CALTEX GENERAL MANAGER BRYAN DABORN CONFIRMED GOI

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RESTRICTIONS ON SUPPLY OF BUNKER FUEL OIL TO SHIPS AT INDIAN POSTS

REPORTED IN PRESS (REF B) AND ADDED FOLLOWING CLARIFICATION.

2. BUNKER SUPPLY HAS BECOME CRITICAL IN PAST TWO-THREE WEEKS, DABORN SAID, AND RESTRICTIONS ARE GOI EFFORT RATION AVAILABLE SUPPLIES. COMMITTEES TO ADMINISTER REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED IN EACH PORT UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF INDIAN OIL COMPANY REP AND CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES ALL MAJOR OIL COMPANIES AND REPRESENTATIVE OF LOCAL PORT AUTHORITY.

3. PRICE FOR LOCALLY MANUFACTURED STOCKS WERE INCREASED THREE TIMES UNDER ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS, BUT SUBSEQUENT INSTRUCTION INCREASED THIS AGAIN, WITH RESULT THAT PRICE OF LOCALLY MANUFACTURED STOCKS HAS RISEN SIX TIMES. SERVICE CHARGE FOR IMPORTED STOCKS HAS INCREASED FIVE TIMES, WITH PAYMENT IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE. DABORN POINTED OUT THAT SERVICE CHARGE ON IMPORTED STOCKS HAD ALWAYS BEEN PAYABLE IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND, WHILE INCREASE IN NEW, PAYMENT IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE IS NOT.

4. SHIPS APPLYING FOR BUNKER MUST PRESENT: (A) PROOF OF QUANTITY OF BUNKER AVAILABLE IN TANKS ON ARRIVAL IN INDIAN PORT AND AMOUNT LIKELY AVAILABLE ON DEPARTURE; (B) MOST ECONOMIC CRUISING SPEED OF VESSEL DURING VOYAGE TO NEXT PORT; (C) NEXT PORT OF CALL. CALCULATED ON BASIS OF A,B, AND C, SHIPS THEN GIVEN ABSOLUTELY BAREST ESSENTIAL QUANTITY OF BUNDERS TO GET IT TO NEXT PORT.

5. PRIORITY OF BUNKERS ALLOCATED IN FOLLOWING ORDER: (A) HIGH-SPEED DIESEL, (B) LIGHT DIESEL OIL, AND (C) FURNACE OIL, WITH LAST NAMED, I.E., FURNACE OIL, TO BE SUPPLIED ONLY IF SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF FIRST TWO NOT AVAILABLE. IT HAS ALSO BEEN SUGGESTED THAT BLENDING BE CONSIDERED, IF APPROPRIATE FOR A PARTICULAR VESSEL OR VESSELS. DABORN INDICATED THAT PRIORITY MIGHT CHANGE, DEPENDING ON SUPPLY OF EACH FUEL AND INDICATED THAT PRESENT SUPPLIES DICTATE THIS PARTICULAR ONE.

6. DABORN SAID INSTRUCTIONS INDICATED NO SHIP IS TO BE DETAINED IN INDIAN PORT FOR LACK OF BUNKERS, AND STATED HE HAS SEEN NO RPT

NO INDICATION OF ANY DISCRIMINATION AGAINST U.S. SHIPPING. HE IS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE SITUATION AND AGREED TO KEEP US POSTED.

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